Regulation of self-financing institutes

3591. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to regulate mushrooming of self-financing institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) At present, private universities are regulated by the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation, 2003. However, in respect of the Deemed-to-be-Universities, the UGC has constituted an Expert Committee that has prepared draft UGC (Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities) Regulations, 2008. Similarly, technical institutions are regulated by the "All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Grant of approval for starting new technical institutions, introduction of courses or programmes and increase/variation of intake capacity of seats for the courses or programmes and Extension of approval for the existing technical institutions Regulations, 2006".

Malpractices in evaluation of answer papers

3592. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any chance of malpractices in the evaluation of answer papers of public examinations;

(b) whether there has been a study by an Expert Committee on this and if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) whether there could be a device to ensure transparency in evaluation of examination papers and avoid public criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The evaluation system of answer papers of examinations conducted by the examining bodies under this Ministry is objective and transparent and there is a constant endeavor to ensure that the system remains reliable and creditable.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Study on doctorate

3593. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the study on doctorate, of late, has become almost a formality in case of certain selective cases who are resourceful;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are several sources who could prepare thesis, on behalf of somebody who could get doctorate later;

(c) whether there is an understanding of this kind of deal on the part of Guides also; and

(d) what are the effective measures and initiatives that could curb this kind of malpractices once or all, and avoid the stigma attached to the genuine doctorates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No such cases have come to the notice of the Government. Universities have their own procedures with regard to the award of Ph. D degrees. University Grants Commission has constituted a Committee to frame guidelines to standardize the quality of M. Phil/Ph. D degree.

Reservation in Centrally funded educational institutions

3594. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court, on 10th April, 2008, upheld 27 per cent quota for Other Backward Castes (OBCs) in Centrally-funded educational institutions, but kept out the creamy layers;

(b) if so, by when OBC quota would be implemented and notified by the Central Government;

(c) whether Government proposes to review backward quota list after every five years; and

(d) if so, whether identification of backward classes is being done solely on the basis of caste, or other factors like poverty, social backwardness, economic backwardness, etc. would also be taken into consideration, indicating whether any view would be taken on quota in private institutions and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have issued directions to Central Educational Institutions to implement reservation in admission from the forthcoming academic session, as per the provisions of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 and in accordance with the directions of Supreme Court of India in this regard.

(c) and (d) Section 11 of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 provides for decennial revision of the Central Lists of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. According to the National Commission for backward Classes, there is a full set of guidelines devised by the Commission in the light of which requests for Inclusion and complaints of Under-Inclusion in the Central Lists of OBCs are examined and advice is tendered to the Central Government. The guidelines relate to the social, educational and economic status of the caste/community. A Legislative bill is under consideration for reservation in admission in private unaided institutions and no time limit has been fixed for its finalization.